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SUBJ: OECD MARSHALL PLAN CELEBRATION: URGENT NEED  
TO DESIGNATE TOP LEVEL U.S. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

REFS: (A) OECD PARIS 4012, (B) OECD PARIS 13258,  
(C) OECD PARIS 06699

1. WITH THE OECD MARSHALL PLAN CELEBRATION NOW JUST THREE WEEKS AWAY, THE MISSION IS RECEIVING MORE AND MORE INSISTANT INQUIRIES FROM OTHER MEMBER DELEGATIONS CONCERNING WHO WILL BE THE U.S. KEYNOTE SPEAKER -- ALONG WITH FRENCH PRIME MINISTER BARRE -- AT THE COMMEMORATIVE DINNER ON THURSDAY, JUNE 2. OTHER GOVERNMENTS, WHO ARE PLANNING REPRESENTATION AT HIGH LEVEL ARE AWAITING THE U.S. SIGNAL BEFORE FIRING THEIR PLANS.

2. THE MISSION BELIEVES THAT ANY FURTHER DELAY IN A U.S. DECISION IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN REDUCTION OF SUPPORT BY OTHER MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND A CONSEQUENT DIMINUATION OF A SYMPOSIUM WHICH, AS REPORTED IN REF (A) COULD MAKE AN IMPORTANT INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THINKING ON FUTURE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION. IDEALLY THE REPRESENTATIVE TO  
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THE CELEBRATION SHOULD BE CHOSEN FROM AMONG THE ADMINISTRATION'S HIGHEST OFFICIALS, BUT IN ANY CASE HE SHOULD BE AN INTERNATIONALLY-KNOWN AND RESPECTED PUBLIC FIGURE, PERHAPS FROM THE U.S. CONGRESS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: A) THAT THE DEPARTMENT NAME SOONEST KEYNOTE SPEAKER, EITHER A MAJOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL

OR IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE, ENCOURAGE ACCEPTANCE BY A  
MAJOR PERSONALITY SUCH AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.

B) WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN ANSWER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. KATZ

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